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Stephanie Wakefield
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Stephanie advises clients from our San Francisco office on market and investor relations strategies.

Stephanie brings a background in investment banking (capital markets) and software product marketing to inform corporate investor relations. She has over 15 years of experience leading global IR teams, building strong relationships within the investment community, providing counsel to management teams and boards, and communicating corporate strategy to buy-side and sell-side analysts. Stephanie has been recognized twice by *Institutional Investor as an All-America Executive Team member*, and with coveted Stevie® Awards from both the International and American Business Awards as Investor Relations Executive of the Year. She currently serves on the National Investor Relations Institute's Advocacy Steering Committee and its Future of IR Think Tank.

Stephanie graduated from Dartmouth College with a B.A. in Economics and in Asian Studies (Chinese). She holds an MSc in Development Finance from the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies.



Patti Solis Doyle
Partner, Washington, D.C.
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Patti Solis Doyle was, until recently, the head of Solis Strategies, the communications firm she founded serving businesses and non-profits.
She is a veteran political advisor and commentator, with more than 30 years of experience in politics, presidential campaigns, and public service.

She served as an advisor to the Obama-Biden presidential campaign during the 2012 presidential election, and during the 2008 general election she was chief of staff for vice presidential operations. In that role, she built a national team of policy, communications, and political advisors before the nominee's selection, and later managed day-to-day operations for vice presidential nominee Joe Biden.

She was campaign manager for Senator Hillary Clinton's presidential bid in 2007-2008 and managed her Senate re-election campaign before that. She also served as chief of staff to the First Lady's first Senate campaign. Before that, she served as a senior advisor to Hillary Clinton throughout Governor Bill Clinton's campaign and two terms in the White House.

She was the co-founder of a financial services firm, VAP Financial, and prior to that, partner in Utrecht & Phillips, a strategic advisory firm to Fortune 100 firms, non-profits, and local governments from 2009 to 2012.

She is a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Il.

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Lanhee Chen
Senior Counselor, San Francisco
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Lanhee J. Chen, Ph.D. is a Senior Counselor at the Brunswick Group, where he uses his policy, regulatory, and political experience to advise clients on business-critical issues in health care, technology, and geopolitics.

Chen is currently the David and Diane Steffy Fellow in American Public Policy Studies at the Hoover Institution and Director of Domestic Policy Studies and Lecturer in the Public Policy Program at Stanford University. He is also an Operating Partner at New Road Capital Partners, where he helps to direct healthcare investments for the private equity firm's current fund, and Chair of the Board of Directors at El Camino Hospital in the Silicon Valley. Chen also serves as a Senior Adviser to and member of the Aspen Economic Strategy Group at the Aspen Institute.

A veteran of several high-profile political campaigns, Chen has worked in politics, government, academia, and the private sector.

He has advised numerous major campaigns, including four presidential efforts. In 2012, he was policy director of the Romney-Ryan campaign, and served as Governor Mitt Romney's chief policy adviser, a senior strategist on the campaign, and the person responsible for developing the campaign's domestic and foreign policy. Chen also advised Senator Marco Rubio's 2016 presidential bid, served as Domestic Policy Director of Romney's 2008 campaign, and was a health policy adviser to the Bush-Cheney reelection campaign in 2004. During the 2014 and 2018 campaign cycles, Chen served as a Senior Adviser on Policy to the National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC).

From 2014 to 2018, Chen served as a presidentially-appointed and Senate-confirmed member of the Social Security Advisory Board—an independent, bipartisan panel that advises the president, Congress, and the Commissioner of Social Security on matters related to the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income programs. He also served in the George W. Bush Administration as a senior official at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Chen's writings have appeared in a variety of outlets, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, The *Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. He has been a CNN Political Commentator and provided political analysis and commentary on every other major television network. Chen currently serves as a member of the Editorial Board of the Salem Media Group.

Chen was honored in 2015 as one of the POLITICO 50, a list of the "thinkers, doers, and visionaries transforming American politics." He earned a similar honor in 2012 when he was named one of POLITICO's "50 Politicos to Watch."

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In 2017, Chen was the William E. Simon Visiting Professor in the School of Public Policy at Pepperdine University. At Stanford, he also serves on the Faculty Steering Committee of the Haas Center for Public Service, is an affiliate of the Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies, and was Lecturer in Law at Stanford Law School. An eight-time winner of Harvard University's Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Chen's scholarship has appeared or been cited in several of the nation's top political science journals. Previously, Chen practiced law at two major law firms and was the Winnie Neubauer Visiting Fellow in Health Policy Studies at The Heritage Foundation.

Chen serves in a variety of leadership roles in nonprofits and community-based organizations. He is a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Democracy Fund, a Director of the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity (FREOPP), a member of the Advisory Board of the Partnership for the Future of Medicare, and a member of the Council of Scholars for the Better Medicare Alliance. He is also a member of the Committee of 100, an organization of prominent Chinese Americans.

Chen earned his Ph.D. and A.M. in political science from Harvard University, his J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School, and his A.B. *magna cum laude* in government from Harvard College. He is a member of the State Bar of California.

A native of Rowland Heights, California, he currently lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with his wife and children.